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Newly submitted claims 10-17 are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons: Originally filed claims 1-5 were directed to a method of testing a test switch, classified in Class 73, subclass 865.9. Newly filed claims 10-17 are directed to an apparatus that includes a base, pressure member and controller that performs an atomic force microscopy measurement, classified in Claim 73, subclass 105. It was noted that the preamble of apparatus claim 10 makes reference to "a switch". However, the body of apparatus claim 10 makes no reference at all to the preamble, suggestive that the system is only limited to the combination on the last 8 lines of claim 10, a system of which is employable with atomic force microscopy to test a surface for roughness.

Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claims 10-17 have been withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.

This application is in condition for allowance except for the presence of claims 10-17, directed to an invention non-elected due to election by original presentation. Applicant is given ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS from the date of this letter, whichever is longer, to cancel the noted claims or take other appropriate action (37 CFR 1.144). Failure to take action during this period will be treated as authorization to cancel the noted claims by Examiner's Amendment and pass the case to issue. Extensions of time

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under 37 CFR 1.136(a) will not be permitted since this application will be passed to issue.

The prosecution of this case is closed except for consideration of the above matter.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert R. Raevis whose telephone number is 571-272-2204. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 7am to 4pm. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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